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On 26 March 1955, 2 colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 22 majors wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the Batzenhaeusl building on Pfarr Gasse in Baden (O 49/X 36). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles which were parked in front of the building included sedans and jeeps all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; jeep with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets; trucks all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and jeeps and truck . Two lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 6 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia entered or left the former Flak Kaserne on the Soor road. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included sedan trucks and jeep all with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and sedans with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A medical corps major who wore red-bordered black epaulets left the billets at 98 - 100 Helenental. Five signal trucks, 11 trucks and 6 tank trucks were parked in the open in the area of Helenentalhof (estate). The estate was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered and black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks and sedan with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and truck with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets left the area of the estate. The radiators of 18 motor vehicles were observed under shed-roofs. Six squads each of which numbered 5 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets constructed long-distance telephone lines in the training area west of the billets. The wires were supported by poles with insulators. Two majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets, a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a major wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed at the building at the intersection of Braun Strasse and Muehl Gasse. The building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Eighteen trucks and 6 van-like motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs in this area.

Comment. The present report confirms previous information. The

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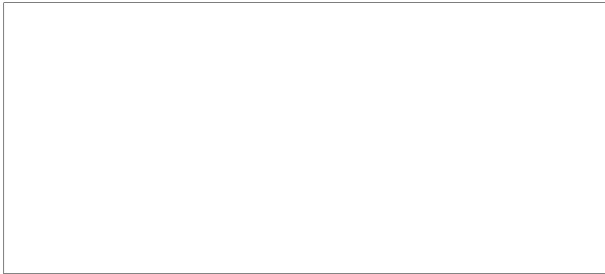
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The majority of the motor vehicles came from Baden, while some belonged to units stationed at Urfahr, Moedling, St. Poelten and Hainburg and air force units.



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